

House Resolution No. 477

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Laura Maloney has attained considerable distinction as an elementary and preschool teacher in the Sikeston school district; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Laura Maloney will enhance an already impressive record of achievements when she is publicly recognized in the state capital by the Missouri NBPTS Network for National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment that can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Laura Maloney presented evidence of teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices that result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process that Laura Maloney underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri; and

Whereas, in addition to National Board Certification, Laura Maloney is the recipient of an Associate's degree from Maple Woods Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from DeVry Institute of Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Southeast Missouri State University, and a Master of Education degree from Oakland City University:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Laura Maloney down through the years and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the completion of rigorous National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our best wishes for continued success as a respected employee of the Rockwood School District; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Laura Maloney of Zalma, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hodges
District No. 161

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 477, adopted February 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker